

A fundamental knowledge of arithmetic is absolutely indispensable to every person who would be able to carry out the ordinary transactions of daily living. (Example) Since such understanding is so basically necessary, arithmetic (counting and number concepts) is one of the first things a child is taught in school. It is therefore familiar to all both young and old.

Since it is such a vital part of our lives, it is small wonder that the Bible abounds in lessons couched in mathematical terms. Furthermore these Bible lessons are as easy to understand as $2+2=4$.

Arithmetical problems fall generally into four classes: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Let us observe their use in the Bible.

I. Addition. There is addition that should not be done, addition that only God can do and addition we must do.

A. Addition that should not be done:

1. Adding sin to sin. (Isa. 30:1)
 - a. Added a king (I Sa. 12:19)
 - b. Herod added (Lk. 3:20) *BUT HEROD... ADDED THIS*
 - c. Rehoboam added the "straw that broke the camel's back." (I Ki. 12:11)
 - d. Sins sum. (Ro. 5:12, 6:23)
 - e. Add till cup is full. (I Th. 2:16, Ro. 2:5-6)
2. Adding to the perfect word of God. From the days of Moses until now this has been forbidden. (Deut. 12:32, Re. 22:18)
 - a. Men are always wanting to go onward (II Jn. 9, I Cor. 4:6)
 - b. Ex. (Ins. music, infant membership, super-church organizations, images, pictures, creeds, priesthods, intermediaries.)*
 - c. The first sin grew out of this error: the addition of one word. "Ye shall not surely die" (Gen. 3:4)
 - d. Presumption (Ps. 19:13) Traditions of men. (Mk. 7:7&9)

B. Addition that only God can do. Arrogant little men at times attempt to usurp this divine function - viz, the adding of souls to the body of Christ. (Acts 5:14, 2:47, 41) (cf. I Cor. 12:13) Added in the book (He. 12:23)

C. Addition we must do.

1. Add learning (Pr. 16:23) Increase (Pr. 1:5 & Col. 1:10)
2. Edification is building up or adding to spiritual house. You are the temple. (Eph. 4:16)
3. Add Christian character. (II Pet. 1:5-11).

This adds up to the good life - to an abundant life.

II. Subtraction. The Bible speaks of subtraction that we must not do, subtraction that the church should do, subtraction that all must do and subtraction that Christ may do.

A. Subtraction we must never do. (Re. 22:19)

1. Some would subtract when God says add. They can't seem to get their signs right.

(Mk. 16:16, Acts 2:38)

2. Some would subtract the duties of the church. (Jas. 1:27, Isa. 10:1-2)

3. Some would subtract the commands to assemble (He. 10:25) to give liberally (II Cor. 8:7, 9:6) to teach (II Tim. 2:2) etc.

4. Such ones may be subtracted (Deut. 29:20)

B. The church should subtract from her fellowship those stubborn and disobedient members.

(I Cor. 5:13, II Thess. 3:6) (cf. Tit. 3:10)

C. Certain things all should put away:

1. Old man. (Col. 3:9, Col. 2:11) How? (Col. 2:12)

2. Hindering encumbrances. (Heb. 12:1, Jas. 1:21, I Pet. 2:1, Mt. 18:8-9)

D. Subtraction that the Lord will do on the unfaithful.

1. Take spirit from him. (Ps. 51:11)

2. "Take away" the little he has (Mt. 25:28-30)

3. (Rev. 22:18, I Cor. 9:27) (Re. 3:11)

III. Multiplication. Some kinds God desires, man wants; others Satan promotes; finally man's own which is futile.

A. That which God desires.

1. First command to multiply (Gen. 1:28)

This is significant for there has never been an age in which God did not require of his creatures multiplication of some kind.

2. The disciples. (Acts 6:1 & 7) The seed bore a harvest. (Lk. 8:11, Acts 8:4)

3. Multiplication of Abraham's seed came as a result of his obedience (Gen. 22:16-17).

So likewise the spiritual seed are multiplied via obedience of the church to her divine mandate. "Go ye" (Mt. 28:19)

B. That which man wants: (II Cor. 9:10, cf. Lk. 6:38, Mal. 3:10) (I Pet. 1:2, II Pet. 1:2)

cf. Jude 1 & 2) (Phil. 4:19)

C. Multiplications Satan promotes.

1. Abominations (Ezek. 16:51) (Pr. 6:18-19)

(Deut. 25:16) out

2. Sorrows. Eve (Gen. 3:16). Idolators (Ps. 16:4a)

"THEIR SORROWS SHALL BE MULTIPLIED THAT HASTEN AFTER ANOTHER."

D. Man's own (without God) of futile fortresses. (Hos. 8:14, Jer. 17:5)

OMIT?
MT. 23:23
JAS. 2:10
I SOR TO HERE

ACTS 5
24-15

DAVID HAD NOT SUBTRA
ALL EVIL FROM LIFE

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HOW TO GET IT
GOD THE SOURCE
JAS. 1:17

IV. Division. The Bible mentions unwanted division, desirable division and finally the Divine Divider.

A. Unwanted division. Unpleasant. Brings sin. ^{11 Pe. 2:19}

1. Solomon's of the child (I Ki. 3:25) ^{DIVISION ACROSS + FOR JUDGMENT}
2. Of brethren. (Acts 15:39) over John Mark.
3. Of dear ones (Ru. 1:16-17) ^{LOVED ONES CALLED HOME PS. 133:1}
4. Of what God has joined. (Mt. 19:6)
5. In the body of Christ. (I Cor. 1:10-13, cf. I Cor. 3:3)

B. Desirable division.

1. Of the word (II Tim. 2:15) ^{MT. 17:5, JN. 1:17}
2. Separation from wicked (Ex. 8:22-23, ✓ II Cor. 6:17-18)

C. The Divine Divider:

1. Christ's mission (Lk. 12:51) (cf. Jn. 10: 19-21) ^{FENCE STRADDLING MT. 12:30}
2. The day of division (Mt. 25:32)

(* Mt. 6:27 if man cannot even add cubit to stature, how shall he add to divine scheme?)

ORIGINAL.

2nd Introduction:

Arithmetic lessons that appear in the Bible are very instructive and profitable to those who wish their lives to add up to eternal salvation.

The Bible is given by God and is not therefore susceptible of change by either addition or subtraction on the part of mere man.

You while many human creatures do grievously err in making additions to the divine pattern, many others err quite as grievously in the other direction, by subtracting from the perfect record.

1. The sin of the Pharisees (Mt. 23:23) "Omitted"
2. The danger in "one thing" (Jas. 2:10)

However, God commands and desires a certain kind of subtraction, that of "old leaven" from the church. (I Cor. 5:8, cf. vs. 1-13)

Bible Arithmetic
I Sam. 12:19 "And all the people said unto Samuel, pray for thy servants unto the Lord thy God, that we die not: for we have added unto all our sins this evil, to ask us a king"

Pr. 1:5a "A wise man will hear, and will increase learning."

II Cor. 8:7 "Therefore, as ye abound in every thing, in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love to us, see that ye abound in this grace also."

II Cor. 9:6 "But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully."

De. 29:20 "The Lord will not spare him, but then the anger of the Lord and his jealousy shall smoke against that man, and all the curses that are written in this book shall lie upon him, and the Lord shall blot out his name from under heaven."

Ac. 6:7 "And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith."

II Cor. 9:10 "Now he that ministereth seed to the power both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness.)"

Ezek. 16:51 "Neither hath Samaria committed half of thy sins; but thou hast multiplied thine abominations more than they, and hast justified thy sisters in all thine abominations which thou hast done."

Hos. 8:14 "For Israel hath forgotten his Maker, and buildeth temples; and Judah hath multiplied fenced cities; but I will send a fire upon his cities, and it shall devour the palaces thereof."

Ex. 8:22-23 "And I will sever in that day the land of Goshen, in which my people dwell, that no swarms of flies shall be there; to the end thou mayest know that I am the Lord in the midst of the earth. And I will put a division between my people and thy people; to-morrow shall this sign be."

Lk. 12:51 "Suppose ye that I am come to give peace on earth? I tell you, nay; but rather division."

Jn. 10:19-21 "There was a division therefore again among the Jews for these sayings. And many of them said, He hath a devil, and is mad; why hear ye him? Others said, These are not the words of him that hath a devil. Can a devil open the eyes of the blind?"

